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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Customer Number: 000201  
Attorney Docket No.: J6656(C)  
Applicant: Chandar et al.  
Serial No.: 09/998,958  
Filed: November 1, 2001  
For: MILD COSMETIC COMPOSITION WITH STABILIZED RETINOIDS

Group: 1617  
Examiner: L.Q. Wells  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2003 for two months from October 22, 2003 to December 22, 2002.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1155 in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. This request is being submitted in triplicate.

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